

DAILY RECORD-UNION

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1889

THE CONDITION OF BALLOT REFORM

AGITATION.

Whoever has witnessed the ending of people about polling places, and noted the fact that it tends to repulse voters and encourage fraudulent voting, must regret that the ballot reform bill failed in the Legislature this year. That bill, had it become a law, would have eliminated the ticket peddler and solicitor, have insured a wide, clear space between the polling booth and the voter at the time when in privacy he prepared his ballot, and have left the space free for him to walk through when returning to cast his ballot, provided for him by the State.

In Kentucky the law applies as yet to cities only, but will certainly be adopted generally in the State. There the voting compartments are entirely enclosed, and the voter must stand at the door while preparing his ballot. While in the compartment, he folds the ballot and puts it in an envelope. Any blind voter is accompanied to one of the compartments by a clerk, who marks the ballot at his dictation and places the word "blind" on the stub of the ballot-book under the voter's name. Besides the election officers, one agent of each candidate, previously named in writing, is allowed in the room. These agents have the right to challenge persons offering to vote, but are not allowed to elector, nor to go forward and backward between the polls and those awaiting their turn. The voting places are so arranged as to leave a clear space of fifty feet between the room or inclosure in which the voting is done and those awaiting their turn. The regulation differs here from that in this country.

Now while we must do without this essential to secrecy and freedom of the ballot, for two years more, it is not an hour too early to begin to urge the question of ballot reform upon the people. Had the matter been more freely discussed during the past two years, we are confident that the reception of the ballot measure by the Legislature would have been very different. It is probable that the legislators fairly represented the intelligence of their constituents upon this subject, for the latter had not examined into the new proposition; it was not laid before them in an orderly manner until the Young Men's Democratic League of San Francisco took hold of it and whipped it into shape, late in the legislative session. In fact, the people of California have learned of the proposed reform and what is promised for it, only from recent fugitive papers, and essays, and circulars, some of them with drafts of ballot bills that were so fatally defective, the press felt it to be a duty to denounce them as dangerous.

But now that the subject matter has been laid before them, and now that it has been demonstrated that it was not understood, it is a duty of the friends of the reform to diligently press the subject upon the attention of the people, and so educate the public mind upon it, that two years hence the Legislature will come up instructed by the people and intelligent upon the proposition.

In the interim no elections will be held under similar laws to that of the "League" in Louisville, Ky.; three in the city of Wisconsin having more than 50,000 population; and two State elections in Massachusetts. We will thus have opportunity to observe the working of the new system, and the results ought to be industriously presented to the people by the press. For it has been found by experience that the most direct and certain method of securing needed legislation in this State on subjects involving radical reforms, is to begin with the people full of the codification of our statutes, the system of State school books, the establishment of an independent Department of State Printing, the founding of a Juvenile Reformatory, the appointment of a Penological Commission, and many other wise steps.

These were secured by such patient taking of time by a very long forelock; indeed, very few of the advance steps taken by the State were originated during the legislative term in which ordered—some have been, but none of the importance of ballot reform. Let the press friendly to that reform renew the debate upon it now, and apply the experience of Massachusetts to the State of Wisconsin, from month to month, as it develops to the proper education of the public thought in California.

THE LEGISLATURE

The adjournment of the Legislature and the naturally invites criticism of its course during the last two months, but we are not disposed to indulge in any considerable extent. There has been accomplished some good and not a little bad legislation—the exact proportions can be ascertained only when the bills that have been and still may become laws have been examined in more of calm than is usual during a session. There were several needed reforms that should have been put into the statute books by the Legislature that they flatly refused, not the least of them being the election reform measure proposed by the Young Men's Democratic League and the weights and measures regulation. The Legislature was not an extravagant one, and in that respect its record is such that it has not probably a parallel in the history of the State. It will afford partisans ample material for criticism in not distant campaigns. But why should there be fault-finding with the Legislature after all? Did it not come direct from the people? Was it not, under our scheme of government, representative? Shall not the people hold themselves accountable for the results of their deliberate choice? Was the experience of the past hidden from them? Must they not, in short, be deemed directly responsible for the outcome, since they must be presumed to have known the full measure of the ability, moral courage and political stamina of the men they commissioned to make and unmake laws in their name?

The publishers and editors upon the country press of Central and Northern California have been invited to meet in this city today to take counsel with each other on matters of mutual interest, and that affect the prosperity of the sections named. The call originated, we believe, with the Colusa Star, which has the deserved reputation of being progressive and enlightened in its views. The city has very appropriately tendered the visitors one of its halls for the meeting. The RECORD-UNION extends the courtesies of its office to the delegates, who will, it is hoped, feel free to call at any hour, and avail of any facilities and conveniences of the office, whose attaches will be pleased to receive them and show them any desired favor.

Prohibition for Redlands.

The young city of Redlands, San Bernardino county, recently held an election on the saloon question, in which a majority of the legal voters decided in favor of the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic in that community. A corresponding action by the city has a Board of Trustees that will enforce the prohibitory ordinance.

PACIFIC COAST.

OPIM SNUGGLED AS SAUER-KRAUT INTO TACOMA.

The Water Receding at Knight's Landing—Arrest of Two Supposed Stage Robbers.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

STILL RAINING.

The So-Called "Twenty-Dollar" Drops Continue to Fall.

GEORGETOWN, March 17th.—During the storm which began here last Tuesday evening, and which has continued to this morning, the rainfall has been very heavy. The rainfall for the season to date is 24.9 inches, against 20.4 for the same season last year. The weather is still cloudy and unsettled.

A GOOD CATCH.

Arrest of the Probable San Luis Obispo Fisherman.

GRILLY, March 17th.—A considerable number of fish were taken last night at the railroad hotel here two miles from the city. The fish were taken by a man who committed the stage robbery on the 12th between Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo.

A fine was obtained yesterday by Bennett, who assisted in the robbery, and the man who committed the robbery, was taken to the jail. The man who committed the robbery, was taken to the jail.

THE BLIZZARD MONTH.

The New England Coast Swept by a Terrible Storm.

HIGHLAND LIGHT (Mass.), March 17th.—The northeast gale, almost equaling in violence and duration the blizzard in March of last year, has been sweeping the coast since the 12th. The wind has been blowing from the north, driving the sea against the cliffs along the entire coast. No disaster is thus far reported.

A DESPERATE MAN.

He Shoots an Officer, and is Hunted Down by Excited Citizens.

LOS ANGELES, March 17th.—A dispatch received from Sacramento, Cal., states that a man named Sprague, who was arrested on the 12th, was shot by a police officer on the 13th. The man was shot in the chest, and is now in the hospital.

HAPPY AND CONTENT.

The People of Monterey Rejoice and are Exceeding Glad.

MONTREY, March 17th.—A dispatch received from Sacramento, Cal., states that the people of Monterey are rejoicing over the fact that the man who committed the robbery on the 12th, was shot by a police officer on the 13th.

A BROADSAND STRONG.

Immense Delegation From Glenn County to Visit the Governor.

WILLOWS, March 17th.—Over 1,000 people leave here this morning for Sacramento, to visit the Governor. The delegation is composed of men and women, and is expected to be a very large one.

OREGON.

One Man Killed Another Over a Five-Dollar Debt.

PORTLAND, March 17th.—Dick Johnson shot and killed William Smith, a man about 35 years of age, on the 12th. The man was shot in the chest, and is now in the hospital.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Opium Smuggled from Victoria in Sauer-Kraut Barrels.

PORT TOWNSEND, March 17th.—The steamer Walla Walla, which was captured by the U. S. cutter Albatross, was found to be carrying opium in sauer-kraut barrels. The opium was valued at \$10,000.

HANDY WITH THE KATIE.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17th.—At the journeyman butchers' killing market today, Charles Watson, a man about 35 years of age, was shot and killed by a man named Katie.

AN EX-CONVICT'S DEATH.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

For thirty years I have had Catarrh. I have used only one bottle of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and now I feel like a new man. I make this voluntary statement that other men may know of the Balm. J. L. Matthews, Fairbank, N. D.

Why continue the use of irritating powders, snuffs or liquids when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure you?

Advice to Mothers.—Mrs. Winslow's Suffering Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once, produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little child awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best-known remedy for diarrhea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Burlington Road Excursions.

Commencing Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p. m., and every alternate Friday, excursionists will have a fine day's ride to Lake City, via the Burlington Road. The excursion will be made one day. The sleeping cars are provided with mattresses, blankets, pillows, curtains, etc., free of charge. For full particulars and descriptive folder, call on or address, TICKET AGENT SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, Sacramento.

John H. Amador and Oshenist, has returned to 317 J street.

Just Arrived: A large shipment of genuine German Braunwurst and Eastern Meat.

For a first-class Carriage or Buggy go to HARRY BEHN'S, 317 J street, Sacramento, Cal. The best place in California to have your spring riding done. A. J. Johnston & Co., 403 J St., Sacramento, Cal.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. Y. Door Plates, THE LATEST FASHION, AT HARVEY'S RUBBER STAMP WORKS, 407 J street.

FOR SALE.

ON ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH OF MY wife, I offer the well-known and old-established grocery business, corner Twelfth and E streets, for sale. Inquire of Mrs. ZIMMERMAN, at 208, Twelfth and E.

Fortune-Teller.

M. K. UZO, THE MOST WONDERFUL CARD-READER and TRANCE-MEDIUM, reads your future life—past, present and future. Address: Room 412 J street.

AMUSEMENTS, ETC.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.

CHAS. P. HALL, Proprietor and Manager. L. HENRY, Ticket Agent.

MONDAY, March 18th.

JOSEF HEINE.

GRAND CONCERT CO.

JOSEF HEINE, The World's Greatest Violinist.

MME. ADA HEINE, The Eminent Pianist.

MRS. EDVY HEINE, Australian Soprano and Violinist.

MR. PAUL HOWARD, Baritone Soloist.

The Blind Artist.

M. JOSEF HEINE is acknowledged by the public as the greatest blind artist in the world. He is a native of Vienna, Austria, and has been blind from birth.

Prices: 50 and 75 cents only.

No extra to reserve. Seats on Sunday morning.

REAL ESTATE, ETC.

ORANGEVALE!

CHOICEST FRUIT LANDS.

Ten-Acre Tracts, Planted or Unplanted, as Desired.

Orchards Cared for by Absentee Owners.

THE ORANGEVALE COLONIZATION CO., 214 J Street, Sacramento.

ESTABLISHED IN 1860.

EDWIN K. ALSIP & CO.,

Real Estate Agents,

NO. 1015 FOURTH ST., SACRAMENTO, CAL.

Offer Bargains and Inducements never before offered to secure acreage property.

Acres Lots on Louisiana Tract.

WILL BE SOLD FOR \$25 CASH, and \$10 IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS, with seven per cent. interest. Price only \$300 per acre. ONE MILE FROM CITY LIMITS, and fifteen minutes' walk from terminus of Central Street Railway. SEVEN HOUSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN BUILT ON LOUISIANA TRACT.

You can retain your position in the city, and have the comforts of a country home. NO OTHER PROPERTY OFFERED in so close proximity to the city on so favorable terms, and NONE AS CHEAP.

These Acres Lots will double in value inside of three years, as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

The wife's source of revenue, derived from raising poultry on a space of one acre, will be as great as the husband who works for daily wages, giving two sources of income. A TEST WILL PROVE IT.

Don't get left on these lots, as you will regret it if you do.

We also offer for \$3,500, for sale or exchange for City Property,

A SPLENDID PIECE OF FOOTHILL LAND, OF 160 ACRES,

ONE MILE FROM NEW ENGLAND MILLS; has a small dwelling and barn and partly cleared; all can be cultivated; the best of fruit land; land adjoining sells for \$25 to \$30 per acre; only a short distance from the celebrated Whitcomb Vineyard. An undisputed fact—that fruit raised in the vicinity has not been excelled.

We are the only Agency in California that issue a Monthly Catalogue of Lands. Send for one.

EDWIN K. ALSIP & CO.,

Real Estate Agents, Sacramento.

FURNITURE, Carpets, Ranges, Etc.

TUESDAY, TUESDAY, March 19th,

AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

AT SALESROOM, NO. 323 K STREET.

I will sell the following goods:

One Marble-top Walnut Bedroom Set, one Marble-top Parlor Set (trimmed with gold), one Cherry and one Antique Oak Bedroom Set, four Cottage Bedroom Sets, one Bed Room, one Parlor, one Dining Room, one Kitchen, one Bath, one Hall, one Porch, one Veranda, one Terrace, one Garden, one Lawn, one Park, one Estate, one Farm, one Ranch, one Plantation, one Colony, one Settlement, one Township, one Range, one District, one County, one State, one Nation, one World, one Universe, one Everything.

Prices: 50 cents and \$1. No extra to reserve. Seats on Tuesday.

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Weather Indications for To-day.

California—Local winds, with squally showers,

and nearly stationary temperature.

Oregon and Washington—No reports.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Metropolitan Theater.

At the Metropolitan to-night Joseph Heine,

the blind violinist, an eminent musician,

will give a concert, assisted by Madame

Heine, pianist; Evelyn Heine, violinist,

and Paul Howard, baritone soloist.

The company comes very highly indorsed

and with press criticism of a high

character. When the company was taken

to New York one night in 1879, when it

was to fill a number in a concert, Heine,

of all others, was chosen to take the place.

Why was Heine chosen to take the place?

"We think Mr. Heine is second to no

violinist now living. If he were first, he

is not first alone. He is first in the

aid of him." Without attempting par-

allelization, it may be said in brief that

Mr. Heine's playing is highly artistic

and brilliant and his skill as a musician

He is deservedly applauded to the echo

and recalled." The Portland, Or., press,

where Heine played in January, is unani-

mous in warm praise of him, and speak

in commendatory terms of his support.

Oregonian, notably, being loud in its praise

of the violinist. Heine's manager lays

claim that his principal, since the death of

Old Bull, is the first living violinist of the

world. The price of the tickets for the concert

have been placed at 50 and 75 cents,

without extra charge for reserved seats.

The box office opens this morning.

City Finances.

Auditor H. M. McKee makes the following

statement of the city finances for the

week ending March 16, 1889:

RECEIPTS.

A. J. Wilson, cemetery dues, \$28.00

H. J. Gregory, water rates, \$2.50

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Elwood Bruner, delinquent city taxes, \$30.00

George A. Putnam, city licenses, \$44.00

Total receipts, \$164.00

Total disbursements, \$10,964.35

Amount in City Treasury, \$134,164.74

APPORTIONMENT AS FOLLOWS:

Sinking and Interest Fund, \$78,694.08

General Fund, \$2,070.17

Water Works Fund, \$3,593.61

Fire Department Fund, \$3,593.61

School Fund, \$2,547.14

Levee Fund, \$1,515.74

Street Repair Fund, \$1,515.74

Police Fund, \$68.78

Bond Redemption Fund, \$1,515.74

Examination Fund, \$245.81

Library Fund, \$245.81

Other Fund, \$245.81

Total, \$134,164.74

Newspaper Convention.

Publishers and editors of the press of

Northern and Central California are invited

to meet in convention in this city this

evening. The call originated, it is understood,

with Hon. W. S. Green, of the Colusa Sun.

The purpose relates mainly to reaching a

better understanding on matters affecting

the development of Central and Northern

California, and also to consider concerning

mutual interests. The callers have signified

a desire to have the convention meet

here, Mayor Gregory was applied to and

seconded the idea by inviting the gentle-

man to meet in the lecture room of the

Art Gallery, and President Green, of the

Museum Association, was accordingly ap-

plied to for the use of the furniture of the

room. The meeting will accordingly be

held there at 7 o'clock this evening. There

will not probably be a large attendance as

there has not, says Mr. Green, been any

been any other than a general invitation

through the press. Still, he hopes that ten

or fifteen journals in the north will be re-

presented, and some in Central California.

Capital District.

The following is the roll of honor in

Capital School District for the year ending

February 22d: Charles Williamson, 90;

Dora Willis 90; Clara Burke 93; Lizzie Cor-

nellins 98; Bennie Beck 94; Walter Mun-

ney 97; Harry Powell 95; Nellie Green 96; Sibel

Gerber 97; Emma Lansing 93; Amelia

Schmidt 97; Clara Willis 95; Maria Wal-

ter 98; Minnie Cornelius 98; Barry Green 96;

Frederic Bonnet 96; Roy Brocke 96; John Beck

98; Alvin Hornum 98; Melvian Davis 97;

Rosa Stokel 95; Sophie Powell 95; Cora

White 94; George Powell 95; Mary Lansing

91; Robbie Cornelius 98; William Davis 98;

Willie Schell 93; George Weller 93;

Maggie Keefe 97; Clarence Beck 96; John

Cornelius 98; David Hornum 98; Willie

Willis 97; Willie Schmidt 97; Freddie Wa-

ter 98; Augustus Norris 100; Blanche Nor-

ris 100; Charley Forbes 98.

Party at Folsom.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the

season was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Kin-

ney, of Folsom, Thursday evening, in

honor of their guests, Mrs. H. Gullison

and Miss Lizzie Barkley, of San Francisco.

Music and dancing were the principal

features of the evening. At 11 o'clock all

departed to the dining room where

bounteous repast was partaken of. Dancing

was resumed until a late hour, when they

all wished a happy good night. Among

those present were Mr. and Mrs. Burnham,

and Mrs. Bates, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kin-

ney, Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, Mr. and Mrs.

Barley, Mr. and Mrs. Ecklon, Mr. and Mrs.

Miss Lizzie Barkley, Mr. Fred Burnham,

Mrs. Spaulding, Mr. Sam Stamper and

others.

Baseball News.

Sacramento has secured nearly all of her

players, and they will commence to prac-

tice as soon as the weather and grounds

permit, and the baseball fraternity can look

forward to a successful season this year.

An Eastern exchange in speaking of con-

tested ball players, says: "That it is a very

common occurrence with young and prom-

inent ball players that after completing a

successful season with a very fair team,

their cranium swells to such enormous

proportions that they feel themselves de-

graded by playing with a very fair team

and that they are forever blotted from

the baseball ranks."

Remembering Old Soldiers.

Southern California papers mention the

name of Captain George Redway, of Red-

lands, as a probable appointee to a good

position in the Treasury Department at

Washington under the new Administration.

Captain Redway is an old and suc-

cessful journalist of the East, and served

with great bravery in the One Hundred

and Third Regiments, Ohio Volunteers, dur-

ing the war. General Harrison's adminis-

tration gives evidence of intending to justly

remember the old soldier element which

occupied the tented field with him when

good men and true were needed.

East-Boat Freight.

The following through freight was

shipped to the East from Sacramento dur-

ing the past month: Barley, 162,500 pounds;

beans, 187,010; bran, 1,280; canned goods,

51,350; empty packages, 62,000; fruit, 104,

450; citrus fruit, 123,500; fax, 1,200; hair,

1,750; hardware, 10,240; hides, 44,500;

hops, 540; hops, 265,620; hides, 60,000;

horses, 8,880; ironware, 45,520; iron-

ware, 2,230; ores, 1,100; powder, 124,000;

wine, 240,000; wool, 92,010. Total, 1,558,

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